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RULES AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

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SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.

The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and a standing Committee of thirty-six members, all of whom shall be elected by open vote on the first regular meeting to be held the first Saturday of July in each year. One-third of the members will constitute a quorum of the standing Committee.

ART. II.

PRESIDENT.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside in the Society; enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-Laws; and see that all the officers perform their respective duties; appoint all committees, not otherwise provided for; give the

casting vote on all matters before the Society, when a tie may occur ; inspect and announce the result of balloting and all other votes ; direct the Secretary to call special meetings when application shall be made in writing by five members of the Society. He shall perform such other duties as the society or his charge shall require of him, but he shall not be a member of the Standing Committee.

ART. III.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to render such assistance as the President may require of him, and in his absence he shall perform his duties ; and he shall be the regular chairman of the Standing Committee.

ART. IV.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of the Society ; write communications ; notify meetings, when ordered by the President ; he shall make out, at the end of his term of office, a full report of the proceedings,—which shall embrace the number of members admitted, rejected, suspended, or re-instated ; the number of deaths ; and the whole number of actual contributing members ; the amount of

receipts for the admission of members ; amount due the Society by its members ; the amount expended for benefits. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Society or his charge ; and deliver up to his successor, within one week from the expiration of his term, 'all books, papers, or other property in his possession, belonging to his office. The Secretary shall, from time to time, procure books, paper, and other material, for writing, at the Society's expense. He shall keep a book of records, also a book to be signed by every member now belonging to the Society, and each member hereafter admitted ; also the time of admission, death, resignation, or expulsion of each member shall be noted. He shall notify in writing every newly admitted member of his election.

ART. V.

TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a just and true account between the Society and its members, and credit the amount paid by them. He shall submit his books, papers, and vouchers, together with a regular balance sheet, to any committee that may be appointed to examine the same, at the end of each quarter. The Treasurer shall pay away no money on account of the society, unless upon the authority of an order signed by the presiding officer, as passed by the Society and attested by the Secretary.

*at each general
meeting of the Society*

ART. VI.

There shall be a regular monthly meeting of the Society held on the first Saturday of each month, for the transaction of business.

ART. VII.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

No person shall be admitted a member of this Society under the age of fifteen years; nor for a less sum than 50 cents entrance. The regular dues which shall be required from each member are 25 cents per month.

ART. VIII.

THE SAME.

No person shall be admitted into this Society who does not possess a good character, or who is in any way incapacitated from earning a livelihood, or who has no visible means of support. The name of a person offered for membership must be proposed by a member, stating age, residence, and business, which must be entered on the records, and the subject referred to the Standing Committee of the Society, for investigation, who shall report at a succeeding meeting, when the applicant shall be voted for in due form, but if he receives less than

two-thirds of the votes cast he shall be rejected. A proposition for membership shall not be withdrawn after it has been referred to a committee for investigation, without the consent of a majority of the members present.

ART. IX.

DEATHS, AND ABSENCE OF MEMBERS.

In case of the death of a member who is in needy circumstances, the funeral expenses shall be paid out of the funds of this Society, and the members shall be required to attend his funeral, under the penalty of 25 cents, unless they can file good cause of excuse; and any member failing to attend any meeting of this Society shall be fined 25 cents, unless excused by the Society.

ART. X.

ABSENCE OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

Any officer neglecting to attend to the duties of his office shall pay a fine of \$1, unless he files good cause of excuse; and any member of the committee failing to attend the regular meetings of the Committee, shall be fined 50 cents, unless he files good cause of excuse.

ART. XI.

QUORUM.

One hundred members, one of them being qualified to preside, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. XII.

Any member of this Society who shall have become subject to pay any penalty aforesaid, shall be bound to pay the same with his next monthly subscription.

ART. XIII.

Any member who shall be in arrears to the Society to the extent of three monthly subscriptions, and fines (if any), shall have his name struck from the book of the Society, and cease to be a member thereof, and to enjoy the privileges of such membership. And in the event of his wishing to return to the Society he will have to be proposed and accepted in the same manner as if he never had been a member thereof.

ART. XIV.

NEW LAWS.

A motion to alter, amend, or annul these Rules, By-Laws, or any part thereof, shall be submitted in writing, at a regular meeting, and considered at the next regular meeting; and should two thirds of the members present vote in favor thereof, the same shall be adopted.

ART. XV.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

No person shall be elected an honorary member of this Society unless he has done some service to the Society; and if elected shall be allowed to take part in all the proceedings, and shall be released from paying any dues, but shall not be entitled to vote, or to any of the benefits of the Society, further than the members shall attend his funeral.

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ART. XVI.

PRACTICAL DUTIES OF MEMBERS WITH REFERENCE TO EMPLOYING MEMBERS.

It shall be the duty of each member of this Society to, in all cases, patronize its own members before all others, in case that the member be a worthy man.

ART. XVII.

SWEARING.

Should any member who swears, or otherwise misbehaves, at a meeting, when called to order by the chair, refuse to obey, such member shall be fined 25 cents.

ART. XVIII.

No member shall receive any benefit from this Society before he has been one year a member.





